IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of:

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For: HIGHLY SCALABLE AND \$ HIGHLY AVAILABLE CLUSTER \$ SYSTEM MANAGEMENT \$

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AMENDMENT B UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.312

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Sir:

Pursuant to Rule 312, Applicants request that the following amendments to the claims be made to the above-identified, allowed patent application without withdrawing the application from issuance. In keeping with Rule 312, the Issue Fee has not yet been paid.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: